



First Responder Network Authority Weekly Update to the State and Territory Single Points of Contact (SPOCs) – December 14, 2015

FirstNet News

- During its December 8-9 meeting in Houston, the FirstNet Board approved the release of the Requests for Proposals (RFP) in early January. All materials from the Board meeting are posted on the [FirstNet website](#).



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The Board of the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) will convene an open public meeting on December 9, 2015, preceded by open public meetings of the Board ...

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- Last week, FirstNet participated in Houston (TX) Fire and Police Department briefings, the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators (IACLEA) Regional Conference, a San Antonio (TX) Police Department briefing, the FirstNet Board and Committee meetings, a Town Hall for California State Agency Partners (Agency Information Officers), the FCC Region 19 700/800MHz Committee meeting, the PSAC meeting, a meeting with Texas Governor Abbott's staff and an Arkansas Governance Board Meeting.
- Also last week, the FirstNet tribal liaison team worked with the state plans and RFP teams to develop tribal coverage objective maps for the final version of the RFP. Reference to the tribal coverage objective maps and notation for potential bidders to consider tribal lands in their response will be found in section J-1 of the RFP. As part of the state data collection efforts, 149 tribal nations in 18 different states responded.
- The federal consultation team met with the Chief for the Emergency Services Sector, Sector Coordinating Council and Government Coordinating Council to discuss synergies and common messaging across the stakeholder groups at all levels.

- This week, NTIA publishes a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to request public comment as it develops rules related to its review and approval of fees assessed by FirstNet. See the [NTIA Press Release](#).
- This week, FirstNet will be participating in the Utah Governor's Office Meeting with Department of Public Safety and Utah Department of Transportation, the Indiana Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) and Integrated Public Safety Commission (IPSC) meetings, the Emergency Communications Preparedness Center (ECPC) Steering Committee Meeting teleconference, a Michigan Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network Regional Workshop, the Alaska Governor's Meeting, the Minnesota Statewide Emergency Communications Board (SECB) Meeting, the South Dakota Governance Meeting, and the Connecticut Broadband Working Group Meeting. Additional events and details are available under the newsroom tab on our [website](#).

News from the PSAC, States and Territories

- We conducted a successful PSAC meeting last week in Houston, with comprehensive dialogue on Quality of Service, Priority, Preemption (QPP), the RFP, state plans, and the consultation strategy for 2016. There was also discussion to move forward with the proposed 2016 taskings, which include public safety discipline groups, local control, identity management and research and development advice for the Public Safety Communications Research program. Thirty-two PSAC members were in attendance. Several Board members also participated. The PSAC also participated in the Harris County demo prior to the Board meeting.

Media Watch

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Traditional Media

The Houston Board meeting and the resolution to release the RFP dominated media coverage this week. Other coverage included FirstNet staffing, the Bring Your Own Device

blog, and 2016 consultation goals. For more comprehensive coverage of all FirstNet stories, please consult the daily “Media Mentions” email.

Radio Resource/Mission Critical: FirstNet Board Votes to Release RFP in January

<http://www.radioresourcemag.com/Features/FeaturesDetails/FID/622>

The First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) Dec. 9 passed a resolution to release the request for proposals (RFP) for a nationwide public-safety broadband network, more than three years after the board was officially formed. The final RFP document will be publicly available by the second week of January. “We have passed the resolution, and I am very excited,” FirstNet Chairwoman Sue Swenson said. “Congratulations. This is a landmark board meeting.”

Urgent Communications: FirstNet Makes Senior-Leadership Team Permanent; “No More ‘Acting,’ Poth Says

<http://urgentcomm.com/ntiafirstnet/firstnet-makes-senior-leadership-team-permanent-no-more-acting-poth-says>

FirstNet CEO Mike Poth announces that he has decided to keep the entire FirstNet senior-leadership team—most of whom officially were serving the roles in an acting capacity—on a permanent basis.

ExecutiveGov: FirstNet Adds 6 New Members to User Advocacy Consultation Team

<http://www.executivegov.com/2015/12/firstnet-adds-6-new-members-to-user-advocacy-consultation-team/>

The First Responder Network Authority has added six members to its user advocacy consultation team as it moves to craft a comprehensive engagement and outreach strategy for 2016. FirstNet said Monday it appointed Jeff King and Steven Smith as area leads, Lori Stone and Michael Varney as regional leads, as well as Tiffany Perry and Charlotte Whitacre as federal coordinators in the user advocacy team.

Web and Social Media

FirstNet social media accounts gained followers again this week. Twitter is now at 2,954 followers; LinkedIn now has 1,165 users; YouTube has 179 subscribers; and Google+ has 59 users. This week, there were two new blog entries: [FirstNet Builds Up Consultation Team with Experienced Area & Regional Leads; Federal Liaisons](#) and [Commerce Data Service: Using Weather Data to Protect Lives and Property](#) which was reposted from the Economics & Statistics Administration website, originally posted November 19. All blog posts can also be accessed through <http://www.firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog>.